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It is settled.
BLAINE'S claim is too thin.

TO-MORROW will be a genuine Thanksgiving day.
BLAINE might as well claim the crown of Great Britain.

The grand old party has gotten down to the level of a Tichborne claimant.

Mr. BLAINE has yet to learn that the Presidential election is not a game of bluff.

BLAINE'S claim is: "I don't know what the figures are, but I know they are in my favor."

The attempt to set aside the returns in New York by a telegram from Augusta was what we might expect.

THE TICHBORNE claimant's recent escape from penal servitude should be a warning to the Augusta claimant.

STEVE ELKINS is pained over the discovery of a popular impression that he is not above tampering with the returns.

The principal difficulty in the way of a free and fair count of the vote now-a-days is GOULD'S Western Union Telegraph Company.

WEDNESDAY New Jersey was claimed as "doubtful." New Jersey's plurality for CLEVELAND this morning is more than four thousand.

THERE are people so unfeeling as to believe that BLAINE would not object to taking the Presidency, even though his title were clouded by fraud.

WITH characteristic modesty, St. Louis begins to divide up the offices. It is believed that there are enough statesmen in St. Louis to fill them all.

ELKINS weeps scalding, bitter tears, not so much over the defeat of BLAINE as over the unjust suspicion that he (ELKINS) would tamper with a vote.

BLAINE'S claim of New York would be worth more than it is if the State of Indiana had not been claimed in spite of an adverse majority of more than eight thousand.

The logic of the Republican side of the present controversy is, that because the Republicans stole the Presidency once there is every reason to fear that the Democrats will steal it now.

MR. GOULD'S attempt to cast an anchor to the windward by sending a cringing dispatch of congratulation to Governor CLEVELAND was only another one of his issues of watered stock.

Two partisan Associated Press services to combat and correct each other would be far better than one strictly partisan Associated Press service imposed on the country as impartial and non-partisan.

THERE is room to believe that Mr. GLOVER owns a great deal of his very handsome majority to the opposition which was directed against him. There are occasions when the speaking policy in politics defeats itself.

The only correct count of the New York vote made up to date has been made by the chairman of Iowa State Republican Committee. He knows just what the result is, and he kindly permits the world to share his knowledge.

Is it of course possible that no attempt has been made to steal the election from CLEVELAND, but whenever the police see a safe with a large amount of valuables inside and a select crowd of burglars outside they are apt to draw an inference.

WHENEVER we hear of any dirty work being done in politics we expect to hear of little JOHNNY DAVENPORT of New York taking a hand in it. A ballot box in DAVENPORT'S hands is about as safe as a spring chicken in the jaws of a fox.

JOHN KELLY did not elect his candidate for Mayor, but he comes out of the contest with more of the respect and good will of the Democratic party at large than was ever before accorded to him or Tammany. The New York vote has vindicated him and located the treacherous trading where he charged it four years ago, at the door of the rival Democratic organization.

WHEN Mr. BLAINE speaks about the vast national interests depending on his election, he refers chiefly to the interests of GOULD, HUNT, INGTON, STEVE ELKINS and other land grabbers and monopolists of their clan. The situation is not improved by the fact that the same clan is pretty well represented in the Democratic National Committee. If New York is lost to CLEVELAND, there will be ample ground for suspecting collusion and treachery on the part of some men holding important trusts in the Democratic campaign organization. When we see the business partners of BLAINE and

ELKINS and GOULD figuring prominently as Democratic campaign managers, it looks as if somebody had again been "casting an anchor to the windward."

BLAINE'S PRONOUNCEMENT.
The Democratic National Committee's address in regard to the New York vote are criticised as threatening and tending to provoke bad feeling. Those addresses merely claim that it is absolutely certain that there is a decisive plurality for the CLEVELAND electors in New York, and assure the people that no alteration of the returns by corrupt falsification of the records of the State will be permitted or submitted to.

Now, if it is wrong for a party committee to talk thus, how much worse is it for the Republican candidate to issue such a pronouncement as Mr. BLAINE sends out in the Associated Press dispatches from Augusta. At that great distance from the returns he claims that he has carried New York by a plurality of 1,500, and that there can be no doubt about it. He also declares that the Democrats intend and are threatening to control the election returns in the interest of their party and to take the vote of the leading Northern State by fraud. In the same connection he appeals to sectional and party feeling by parading himself as the choice of the Northern States by a majority of 300,000 votes, and intimates that the other States are carried for his competitor by bulldozing and lawlessness.

The whole spirit of his address is precisely that which he has often displayed in ruthlessly setting aside Democratic returns whenever his party could gain power thereby. It is a direct appeal to the spirit which perpetrated the great fraud of 1876. It is a distinct declaration that he still justifies that fraud and is ready to lead his party to a repetition of it.

But Mr. BLAINE mistakes the temper of the people, and the Democratic Committee has good reason to assume that the fraud of 1876 cannot be repeated and will hardly be attempted now by either party. The counting and certification of New York's votes is an official act to be performed, not by party committees, but by the responsible officers of the State, under the supervision and direction of her courts, and there is no room for doubt that her electoral votes will be given to the candidate that is lawfully entitled to them. There is no taint of fraud on Governor CLEVELAND'S record. The best men of the Republican party will not this time sustain any effort to count Mr. BLAINE in by fraud, and the people can rest assured that the present Governor and State officers of New York will not permit any forgery of her verdict in this election.

A TALE OF TWO DISTRICTS.
The re-election of ex-Governor CURTIN in the Twentieth Pennsylvania District and the defeat of GRAVES in the Fifth Missouri show the difference between consulting the wishes of the majority of the party in naming the candidate and foisting a candidate on the voters by a mere machine nomination.

The method by which the nomination was at first taken from CURTIN was precisely the same as that by which a clique in Kansas City has for years prevented the majority of Democrats in that district from controlling the party nomination for Congress. The two counties of Centre and Clerford, which were for CURTIN, contained a majority of the Democratic voters of the district. But, by splitting up the primary vote with several candidates, an opportunity was made for the other four counties to combine on a Mr. HALL and nominate him over CURTIN. But when Mr. HALL saw that his nomination was clearly contrary to the preference of a majority of the Democratic voters, he magnanimously withdrew in CURTIN'S favor, and the latter was elected by the united vote of the party.

In the Kansas City District, however, where the party has long been rent in twain by committee dictation and resistance thereto, Mr. GRAVES held on to a counterfeited nomination manufactured in open and defiant disregard of the preference declared by the Democratic voters at the primaries. The consequence is, that again, as in 1890, a Republican has been elected to represent that overwhelmingly Democratic district in Congress. If this second rebuke does not teach the Bourbon politicians of Kansas City the necessity of showing some deference to the will of Democratic voters, and of paying some little respect to a fair expression of that will, it should at least teach candidates to beware of questionable nominations.

THE INDEPENDENT VOTE.
It cannot be denied that the defeat of Mr. BLAINE is largely the work of the Independent Republicans. Thousands of Democratic votes were driven from CLEVELAND by the cry that he was against the workingman and had committed himself to monopoly doctrine in his veto of the Five Cent Fare bill. Other thousands were coerced into voting for BLAINE by the power which monopolists wield over multitudes of dependents. There is also a certain element of so-called Democrats who admire BLAINE'S methods and are in sympathy with his associations.

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made good these losses in the contested States must have been correspondingly large. That it has secured the defeat of such a major politician as BLAINE and overcome the mighty forces under his command, is an impressive lesson that will not be lost on the politicians of the country.

It teaches that moral prestige is not "a played out thing" in American politics. It contradicts the ELKINS theory that success is now a mere matter of frontory and money. It teaches that no matter how reckless from success, or how depraved and besotted from long tenure of power a party may become, the little remnant of conscience lingering within it cannot be safely defied and set at naught. It may speak with only "a still, small voice" in the party convention, yet well to a thunderous rebuke at the ballot-box.

THE BLAINE IDEA.
BLAINE has never been a safe leader for his party. He has never been more unsafe than he is now in his mistaken attempt to lead his party into the false and humiliating position of a fraudulent claimant.

His protest is based on the fact that the face of the returns shows that his opponent is elected. The presumption of correctness was not even an allegation of fact. Without one word or figure to sustain his claim he cries "fraud."

What does this mean? If it means that the fact of an adverse count is an evidence of fraud, this would put a dangerous weapon into the hands of his enemy in case the count went against BLAINE. Nobody believes that the unsupported theory of fraud will help BLAINE if he is defeated. But now that BLAINE has sanctioned the use of this appeal the Democrats would have good warrant for using it if they should need it.

Is the claim of "fraud" an appeal to any lawful tribunal? If so, what is the tribunal? Does Mr. BLAINE expect to win his case before the State Board of Canvassers? Or does he appeal to the national House of Representatives? Has he strengthened his case before either of these tribunals by coming before them with his remarkable theory that a Democratic majority is *ipso facto* fraudulent?

This idea is characteristic of BLAINE, but Republicans would do well not to fall into the trap. If they do not win honestly they can not win in any other way, and the BLAINE idea merely amounts to a confession that they have not won honestly, and to an assertion that they must win some other way.

BOROUGHES AND COUNTIES.
MR. GLADSTONE'S scheme of redistribution, out of which the Conservatives are trying to make such a bugaboo, is by no means a radical measure of representative reform. As the 3,000,000 of new voters added to the constituencies are mainly county householders, he proposes to increase the county members from 283 to 365, and to decrease the borough members from 360 to 294. Of the 82 new county members England is to have 59, Wales 3, Scotland 4 and Ireland 16. Of the borough seats England loses 33, Wales 3 and Ireland 16, while Scotland gains 6. At present in England the county members represent an average population of 74,400; in Wales, 58,500; in Scotland, 65,100; in Ireland, 63,600. The borough members represent in England an average population of 41,900; in Wales, 32,300; in Scotland, 65,500; in Ireland, 24,000. The proposed change would make the average population to each county member 56,900 in England, 49,500 in Wales, 57,900 in Scotland, and 33,300 in Ireland, while the average to each borough member would be 36,100 in England, 38,100 in Wales, 41,400 in Scotland, and 43,300 in Ireland. The change gives England 4 and Scotland 10 new votes, but the population averages show that Wales and Ireland have no right to complain of this increase. Ireland will have 101 members, or one to 49,300 of population, and Wales 30 members or one to 44,300, either having a more liberal allowance than England or Scotland. The principal fault of the scheme is the extent to which the boroughs are still favored in all parts of the United Kingdom, save in England. But the Parnellites oppose the bill because it takes from Ireland 10 borough seats and gives her 16 new county members, which is regarded as an attempt to gerrymander PARNELL'S followers out of Parliament.

Just as we had gone to press with our latest edition yesterday, the BLAINE claim burst out afresh in the shape of a pronouncement from New York Tribune, that the count of the votes gave BLAINE a plurality. As an item of news this could not be overlooked, and as a matter of public welfare it is of the highest importance the people should have full and early information of every move in the game of politics which is now being played in New York. It looked like the outbreak of a direct conflict and we were prepared to issue editions all night if such was the case. It turned out to be a mere flash in the pan, a blaze of straw, and there was nothing more to it. But the event showed that whenever there is anything going on that the people ought to know, the POST-DISPATCH is ready to let them know it.

IF GROVER CLEVELAND should fail by a single vote to carry New York, the combined Democratic pressure of the country could not make him accept the Presidency. If he carries New York by a single vote, the combined Republican clamor of the country will not make him yield the Presidency. That is the kind of a man he is; asking for only what is right, and submitting to nothing wrong. From foes or friends, BLAINE may put forth his Mexican pronouncements, but CLEVELAND calmly waits the inexorable logic of events. It is "Burn this letter" against "Tell the truth" and the truth-teller will win.

MR. BLAINE is issuing Mexican pronouncements in regard to "the vast national interests" dependent on his election. The Governor of New York sits quietly at his desk attending to

his executive duties, leaving the canvassing of the returns to the proper and responsible officers. He is not in the pronouncement business. He will not be a party to any wrong nor the beneficiary of any fraud, and the people can rest assured that he will stand up firmly for the rights of the man that carries New York, though the plurality is but a single vote.

OUR distinguished fellow-citizen Judge LINCOLN yesterday, in a public speech, kindly undertook to fix up a cabinet for CLEVELAND, allowing him to make Mr. SCHUR, late of Missouri, Secretary of the Interior, and Col. BROADHEAD Attorney-General. After such a beginning we would naturally expect to find GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN Secretary of State and T. T. CHITTENDEN Minister to Turkey, but it is safe to say that GROVER CLEVELAND will not surround himself with "freaks."

IN his August pronouncement Mr. BLAINE claims that he has "carried the Northern States by more than 300,000 majority." This is going behind the returns with a vengeance. All the pluralities claimed for him in the seventeen States conceded to him do not foot up 300,000, and in but few of them has he a majority of the whole vote. So far as can be estimated from the returns now in, the majority of the popular vote in the States that were loyal to the Union during the war will be against him.

THE WEEK ABROAD.
M. ROSSER, the well-known French bicyclist, has just accomplished on the tri-cycle what is considered a remarkable feat. He rode the distance from Paris to Aix, 211 miles, accompanied by a friend, in twenty-four hours. This is declared the longest distance ever made in the time with this machine, and is the more remarkable as M. ROSSER is over 50 years of age.

THE London World, however, comes to the front with what it considers a more remarkable feat. Major Knox Holmes, a gentleman 78 years of age, rode 115 miles in ten hours on a stretch, on a bicycle. At the same rate he would have distanced the Frenchman in the same time the latter took.

A DISCOVERY, which, if true, will prove of great interest to artists and art-lovers, is claimed to have been made by an Exeter addresser. He purchased not long ago three pictures from a furniture dealer for sevenpence each, which had been stolen away for over fifty years. They were declared by several judges of art to be works of J. W. M. Turner, and he was offered \$7,000 for the three. He has placed them on exhibition, and has asked the judgment of London experts. They represent a view of the interior of a cathedral. Ruskin thinks the pictures are Turner's.

SOMETIMES it is possible it seems to have too good streets, as there appears to be the fact. The Fiacro had a squib in one issue, which asserted that the grand boulevard near the Opera. The falls were due to the smoothness and slipperiness of the roadway.

THE Italian Government is very much exercised over the immense emigration of Italian people to foreign countries, especially South America. The authorities just now are very anxious to find emigrants with which to fill up their colonies, but cannot do so, although they have sold out another stock of Italian emigrants for a very low price. Within the past year little less than 300,000 Italians have left their native country to find homes in new lands. This is thought all the more remarkable, as the Italians are proverbially proud and fond of the sunny land of their birth.

THE cantop of Appenzel in Switzerland is literally a paradise for hunters at present, owing to the vast number of chamois with which it is filled. They are so numerous as to have done serious injury to the crops, and will become veritable pests. It is principally the French-speaking districts that they infest, and the French Government has applied to the Federal Council for permission to hunt them down.

THE French jury bids fair to outstrip the American jury in its vagaries in the way of verdicts. Two queer conclusions are reported in late French papers. At Finisterre a worthless, drunken brute was tried for the murder of his wife. It was proven that he had killed her, and the jury found him guilty. It was also shown that on the occasion of the murder the husband and wife quarreled and the husband in a fury of rage beat the woman to death with pieces of furniture. He was acquitted. In another case tried at the same time, a man killed a woman with whom he was living for deserting him, and he was acquitted.

SEVERAL of the Paris newspapers are feeling over a hoax which was played on them and which almost resulted in a duel or two from the violent discussions which ensued. The Mayor of St. Germain dismissed a local functionary for disrespect to the Republic. The man was an old office-holder and a great deal of sympathy was aroused for him by the conservative partisans in the town. As he was a strong Catholic, the local paper published what purported to be a decree of the Prefect of the Seine-Inférieure, suspending the Mayor from his office for disrespect to the Catholic religion. The Mayor, at Paris took up the occurrence and denounced or praised the government for its action in accordance with their sympathies. After they had wrangled themselves into a state of mind the Mayor informed them that he had not been suspended at all, and was not in danger of suspension.

THE Italian Government is the butt of a good deal of jesting now from the people on account of a practical joke which it is the victim. A few traders at Assisi, an Italian settlement on the Red Sea, concluded that they would have some fun out of the home Government, and gathering up some negro slaves in the markets, dressed them up and sent them off to the Turin Exhibition, as a Prince and his retinue, representing Assisi. The Prince was dubbed the Emir Abdallah. The supposed distinguished officials were received with great ceremony by the authorities. They were fed and banqueted, presented with handsome gifts, and all of their expenses were paid. It leaked out who the visitors really were and an immense amount of amusement was created thereby at the expense of the Government officials.

SATURDAY CHAT.
A VERY interesting problem has arisen from the staking of hats on the result of the election. As a rule the wager is worded so as to mean a hat, leaving entirely undefined and uncertain the kind of the article. Now, the vexed question is, when a hat is staked between two men without mention of the kind of the article, is it to be a top hat, a bowler hat, or a straw hat? There ought to be some fixed standard, as the hat is a very popular stake, and a great many discussions would be saved. As a matter of course it is a question on which only two votes can be cast, and they represent two diametrically opposite interests. The prejudiced opinion differ. Some contend that a silk hat is always meant, while others are equally sure that an average hat is always meant. On the one hand, in case of a contest, the receiver can get the hat and have the bill sent to the loser; and on the other hand, as in the case of a

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